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Dear Graeme:

My thanks and the thanks of Hal Ford and the other NIOs for your much appreciated and very informative participation in our panel on Wednesday. I think everyone there benefited from the insights you passed along, and we all appreciate the time you took from what we know is a very busy schedule.

Having taken advantage of your presence to mention our problem in obtaining access to Senate Foreign Relations Committee transcripts, I would like to invite you to look into the Committee rules that preclude our having an opportunity to review, at Headquarters, our testimony before your Committee. Our arrangements with all other Committees on the Hill permit the witnesses to review and correct the record of their testimony here at Headquarters. In some cases, we purchase transcripts; in other cases the Committees simply give us the transcript for our permanent records. This has proved to be of advantage to both parties: the Committee has the most accurate record possible and we have available a record of what we have said to your Committee. If it is possible to work out a new arrangement, I would be happy to work with you to ensure that the Committee's transcripts are properly cared for while in our custody.

Sincerely,


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